

JOINT OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

26 AUG 1958

Minutes of the 49th meeting held on 5 August 1958 at 1000 hours in room 4022, Barton Hall.

Present: 25X1A9a

OSI - Chairman

RSB/SR/OCR

S/COM/OCR

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OSI - Secretary

1. The minutes of the 48th meeting were approved as written.

2. The Chairman submitted a revised draft charter of IOTAC which was based on the analysis and critique of the previous drafts. He expressed his views that although this draft appears to be acceptable to the membership of IOTAC, it fails to recognize clearly and to state positively the arguments of the individual elements of the membership for the necessity of continuing the existence and activities of IOTAC, and this fails to reflect a good staff action by the Committee. He suggested, therefore, that a special meeting of IOTAC be held to review the basic arguments for, or against, the existence of IOTAC and to formulate its mission and functions in terms of valid contributions to the current needs of all participating Committee elements. After discussions, his proposal was accepted, and the Secretary was authorized to call such a meeting at the earliest convenience of the membership.

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3. [redacted] reviewed a TPIB report to OCB concerning recommendations by TPIB on the broadcast evaluation mechanism (TCB/ED/CSX) and its Broadcast Reception Report. The recommendations were in part objectionable to OSI although concurred in by CIA Board Assistant to OCB. PP Staff through the CIA representative of TPIB [redacted] taking steps to withdraw and reconsider the report.

4. [redacted] Acting Chief, 25X1A9a RSB/SR, reported no action had been taken to select a permanent chief. [redacted] also reported that Central Reference, NSA, had discussed with AD/OCR a plan to provide RSB/SR with a technical consultant from NSA for one year.

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5. [redacted] reported on International Frequency Register Bureau (IFRB) problems with respect to Agency interests on broadcasting. At the last meeting of the Radio Policy Committee (21 July 1958) Mr. Richard Black briefed the committee on State Department activities in preparation for the 1959 ITU Geneva Conference and the IFRB high frequency broadcasting problem which might be taken up either at that conference or referred by it to a subsequent one. The interest of the Radio Policy Committee was again focused on the high frequency problem as a result of letters [redacted]

[redacted] should the pending IFRB high frequency plan become reality.

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6. [redacted] reported that the Telecommunications Branch has been publishing a quarterly report on broadcast reception instead of monthly reports starting with March, April, and May. A preliminary report for policy people has also been initiated for issue within the month following the quarter and should overcome some objections on the lag time of previous reports.

7. [redacted] reported that the Embassy program had been in operation a year. Varying degrees of success had been obtained but that continued management and better equipment was needed. The latter is available but shipping problems had been encountered in delivery of the equipment. He reported that Zenith transistor sets were now in use at Iron Curtain posts and two were on special missions in the USSR. [redacted] added that a plan using travelers to augment monitoring with and without receivers in the USSR has been drawn up by IDP, OER, CO and OCR.

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8. The Chairman reported that IOTAC recommendations on Project [redacted] had been forwarded 24 July via AD/SI to the DCI.

9. In response to a staff study referred to IOTAC from AD/SI, the Chairman [redacted] requested to report to AD/SI that IOTAC feels there is a valid Agency interest in requirements and intelligence end products that should stem from Project [redacted] and to select an Agency action to revitalize Sunspot.

10. The meeting adjourned at 1200 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 9 September 1958.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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